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Agenda Item

## County of Hanover

**Board Meeting: February 25, 2015**

**Subject:** Adoption of Resolution – Multiple Myeloma Awareness Month

**Summary of  
Agenda Item:** At the request of Mr. Via, the Board of Supervisors is being asked to adopt the attached proclamation proclaiming the month of March as Multiple Myeloma Awareness Month in Hanover County, Virginia.

**County  
Administrator's  
Recommended  
Board Motion:** A motion to adopt the resolution

## DRAFT PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS Multiple Myeloma (or Myeloma), the second most common blood cancer worldwide, is a cancer of plasma cells in the bone marrow and is called “multiple” because the cancer can occur at multiple sites; and

WHEREAS Multiple Myeloma currently affects more than 100,000 people in the United States, with an estimated 20,000 new cases diagnosed each year and 10,000 losing their battle each year; and

WHEREAS, once a disease of the elderly, it is now being found in increasing numbers of people under 65; and

WHEREAS because Myeloma is a rare disease, there can be a delayed diagnosis leading to delayed treatment, and for this reason an increased awareness of Myeloma for clinicians and the general public will lead to earlier diagnosis allowing people to live longer; and

WHEREAS continued investment and innovation is critical to achieve early diagnosis and implement the most effective and safest treatments for Myeloma patients; and

WHEREAS although we have seen important advances in the last decade there is still no cure for Myeloma; and

WHEREAS the County of Hanover is committed to finding a cure for Myeloma and supports the treatment of its citizens who suffer from Myeloma and encourages private efforts to enhance research funding and education programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Hanover County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize the month of March as Multiple Myeloma Awareness Month in Hanover County, Virginia, and encourage all residents to participate in voluntary activities to support Myeloma education and the funding of research programs to find a cure.